

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT**  
**FISCAL NOTE**

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: March 6, 2023

Agency Submitting: Washoe County

<b>Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2022-23</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2023-24</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2024-25</b>	<b>Effect on Future Biennia</b>
Jury Fees (Expense)		\$70,000	\$70,000	\$140,000
Total	0	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$140,000

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

This bill will increase the daily fee paid to seated jurors. Jury fees in criminal jury trials in the Second Judicial District Court are paid by Washoe County. Over the last decade, and discounting 2020 and 2021 when jury trials were at a minimum due to COVID-related impacts, the Secon Judicial District Court has averaged approximately 40 jury trials per year. Historically, criminal jury trials have had an average length of between 3 and 4 days, but the length of trials have increased since 2020; we have not yet seen trial length return to pre-COVID levels. Most criminal jury trials proceed with 2 alternate jurors, requiring that jury fees be paid to 14 total jurors. Additional alternates may be seated for trials with longer duration. Assuming 40 jury trials a year, with a 5-day average length, and 14 seated jurors, this bill will have an estimated annual fiscal impact to Washoe County of approximately \$70,000. Details on Second Judicial District Court criminal trial statistics are attached.

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# Criminal Jury Trials

